उन्हें निर्धारित मानकों के अनुरूप पाया गया।

HIV antibiodies in blood supplied by private/Commercial Blood Banks in Delhi

2506. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of private/ commercial blood banks in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that blood supplied by some of these banks has been reported to be positive for HIV antibodies; if so, the number of such cases reported during the last three years; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government to tackle the problem of spreading AIDS through donated blood, supplied by these private and commercial blood banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) There are 23 blood banks in Delhi out of which 6 are commercial.

(b) Ever since the screening of blood samples for HTV antibodies in Delhi was started, about 36,486 blood samples from 23 blood banks have been screened upto July, 1989, and 54 have been found positive for HIV antibodies.

(c) Screening/testing of every sample of blood is being done in the cities of Bombay, Madras and Delhi. In Calcutta, testing would start shortly.

AIDS Referral and testing; centres in the country

2507. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up AIDS referral and testing centres in the country; if so, the details thereof indicating the total number, location and year of establishment;

(b) whether Government propose to expand these facilities; if so, the details thereof;

(c) what specific steps Government are taking to prevent the spread of AIDS among prostitutes who fall in the high risk group;

(d) whether Government have formulated any policy for the treatment of AIDS patients, whether in isolation or with patients afflicted with other diseases, if so, details thereof; and

(e) whether Government are undertaking any mass education and warning programmes in an effort to prevent spread of AIDS; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) There are 40 surveillance centres and 4 referral centres functioning in different parts of the country. The list of surveillance centres with location is appended.

(b) Yes, testing facility is being expanded in a phased manner.

(c) Steps are being taken to screen the prostitutes for HIV infection, provide them with counselling and health education.

(d) AIDS patents do not require any isolation, however, adequate precaution needs be undertaken to prevent accidental infection.

(e) Yes. CHEB has taken steps to produce and distribute material for health education of general public, risk groups and HIV infected persons through various media of communication.